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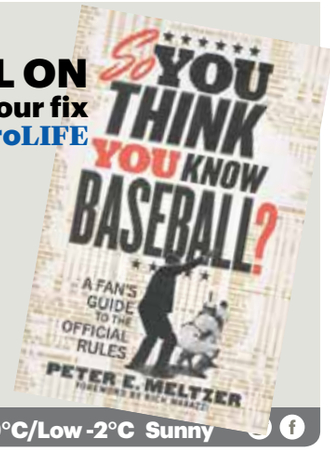

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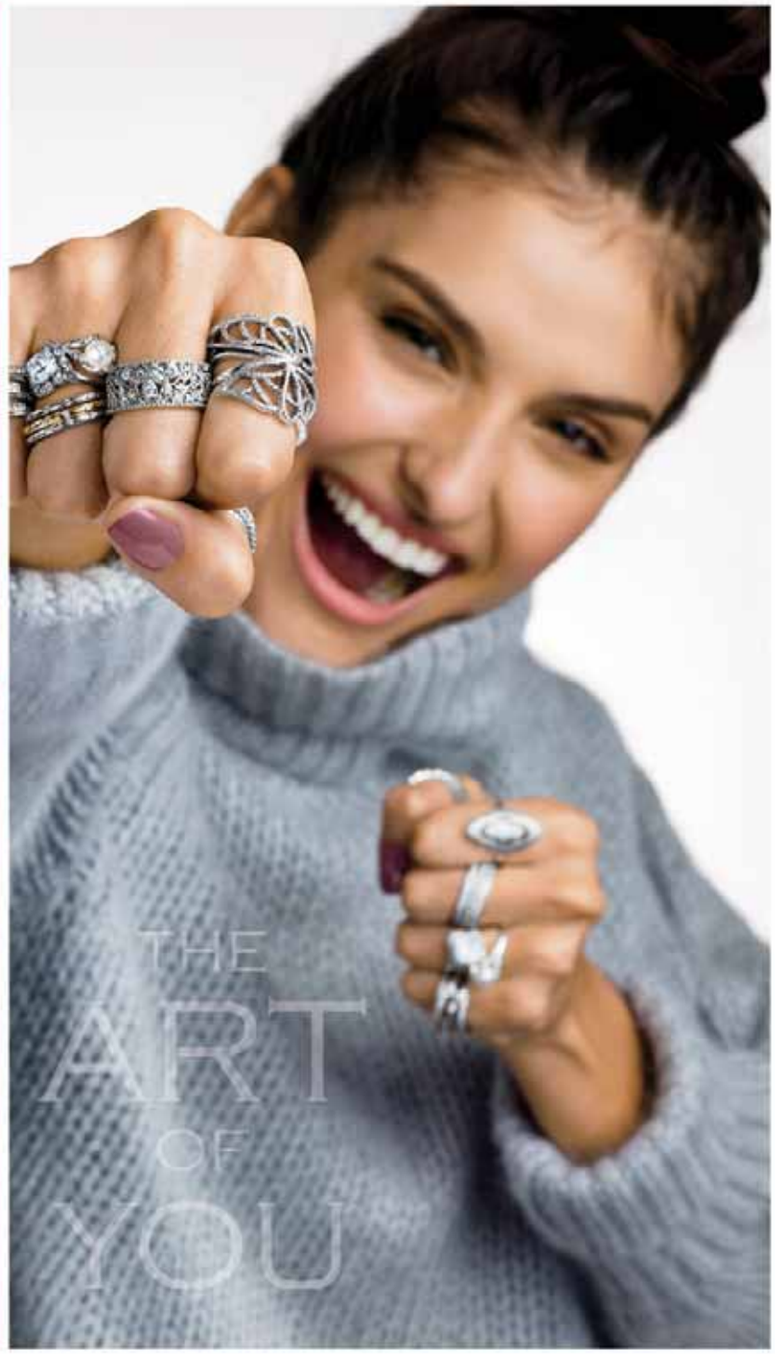

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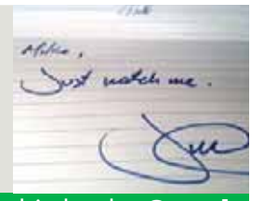

A note written by prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau sells for big bucks. **Canada**

Left: Justin Trudeau and Stephen Harper place a wreath at the National War Memorial on Thursday. Right: Marcus Cirillo, left, son of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, stands next to cousin Cameron.
LEFT: SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS; RIGHT: FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sorrow and pride intertwined

REMEMBRANCE

Anniversary of Hill killing sees thousands salute sacrifice

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Marcus Cirillo, son of fallen soldier Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, had a front-row seat to an emotional show of sympathy and respect on Thursday as thousands gathered to mark the one-year anniversary of the Parliament Hill shooting.

The six-year-old boy sat with his family just a few feet away from where his father was gunned down on Oct. 22, 2014 by a shooter who then stormed the Hill's Centre Block.

The event also honoured the life of warrant officer Patrice Vincent, who was purposefully run over by a vehicle two days earlier in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que.

It was a sombre ceremony, marked by several moments of silent reflection only pierced by the sounds of marching orders for the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, a 21-gun salute and a CF-18 flyby.

Mourners lifted their bowed heads as four fighter jets roared overheard in missing-man formation.

Thousands lined the streets surrounding the National War Memorial, hoping to get a glimpse of the ceremony and hear Gov. Gen. David Johnston speak about "this painful anniversary."

"Warrant officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo stood up for our democratic values: tolerance, diversity, equality and fairness and of the rule-of-law, by which I mean the constant, relentless pursuit of justice," said Johnston. "Last year, many people said Canada would never be the same. But I don't think Canada changed forever. Canadians are a caring and courageous people. This is who we are, and that will not change."

> **Corporal Cirillo never left his post. Forevermore he shall stand sentry, on guard for Canada.**
> New plaque installed at National War Memorial

In a touching moment before his speech, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau laid a wreath together at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Trudeau's wife Sophie leaned over an empty chair and held Laureen Harper's hand.

Harper and Trudeau greeted the Cirillo and Vincent families, who travelled to Ottawa for the special ceremony.

Louise Vincent, one of Patrice's sisters, said the ceremony was "beautiful," but seeing the fighter jets was emotional for her.

"We had this at his funeral with helicopters; now we had this with CF-18s today. That's difficult, because it's him leaving," she said.

Yvan and Angela Barbe, veterans with the Canadian Armed Forces, were among the dozens of people who laid a bouquet of flowers at the memorial. Their son, Canadian Air Force aviator Remi Barbe, was the one who handed Trudeau and Harper the wreath.

It was "amazing" to see such a large crowd pay their respects, but Yvan said he now has mixed emotions when he walks by the War Memorial.

"It's sadness, but it's also pride," he said. "We served, and our son is currently serving, so we feel sadness for what happened to the fallen soldiers but pride because we served ourselves."

5 THINGS TO DO IN OTTAWA THIS WEEKEND

Looking to gear up for winter? Or to revel in autumnal celebration? With free movies, a ski and snowboard expo and a geeky art fair, there's something for everyone to do this weekend.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

1 Ski, Snowboard and Travel show

Winter is coming and it's time to get geared up if you're planning on enjoying the snow instead of just suffering through it. Everything ski and snowboard — including resort info, new and used sports equipment and apparel — will be in one place at the EY Centre on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

2 LGBT movies, African movies and free movies

It's a busy weekend for movie lovers in the capital. On Saturday, Cineplex is screening movies free of charge, with concession proceeds going to Free the Children. If you're not looking for Hollywood, head out to Ottawa's LGBT Film Fest, screening films from Oct. 22-25. This is also the last weekend to enjoy the African Film Festival of Ottawa at Carleton University, with films screening Saturday and Sunday.

3 Wickedly Westboro

Things are getting very spooky in Westboro this weekend. Starting Saturday at 10 a.m., and lasting until Halloween, pick up a treat bag and scavenger hunt map in Winston Square for a chance to win prizes. While on the scavenger hunt enjoy the festive décor and Westboro pumpkin-carving contest — merchants are competing to win funniest, scariest and best decorated.

4 Geek Art Show

Are you a proud geek? Do you need interior artwork to decorate your home, dorm or spaceship? The Ottawa Geek Art show has you covered. From 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. local artists will be showing off their visual art at the Westboro Masonic Hall. You can browse while sipping geek-themed cocktails. Entrance fee is $7 at the door, and wearing a costume will get you in for $5.

5 Parent and Child Expo

Have some time to kill with a young fan of Play-Doh, gymnastics, face painting, and Dora the Explorer this weekend? The Ottawa Parenting Times is celebrating their fifth anniversary at the Nepean Sportsplex and $12 gets you family admission to a weekend of parenting-info workshops, vendors and activities for kids. The expo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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‘Too early’ to tell if Uber taking over

RIDESHARING

City releases two more reports on taxi industry issues

Lucy Scholey
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It’s too early to say whether ride-hailing app Uber is luring passengers from taxis or generating a “new, larger ridership pie,” according to a new report.

The City of Ottawa released two more research papers on Thursday — one on accessibility and the other on “emerging issues in the taxi industry” — as part of its taxi bylaw review. KPMG, the third-party firm conducting the review, will release its final two reports on Oct. 29.

A study of markets where Uber operates shows it’s “too early” to say whether the company is displacing taxis or complementing them. In New York City alone, Uber’s ridership has increased ten-fold between 2013 and 2015.

Even so, Manhattan experienced little change in the redistribution of rides over that time, while the rest of the city saw an increase in overall ridership, but hardly a dent in licensed taxi rides.

$51 billion

The value of ride-sharing firm Uber in 2015.

Uber hit its one-year anniversary in Ottawa this month, but there are no available figures on how many people in the city use the service on a daily basis.

Amrik Singh, head of taxi Union Local 1688, is adamant the ride-sharing app is taking away from Ottawa’s cab industry, rather than generating a larger ridership.

He will be meeting with KPMG next week to give input. The city also wants to hear from Ottawa residents on the cab bylaw review.

Uber is the most valuable ride-sharing firm, above Lyft and BlaBlaCar. Its value has exploded to $51 billion in 2015, from $60 million in 2011.

Whatever Ottawa’s taxi bylaw review looks like, it should be flexible enough to factor in technological advancements beyond these apps, according to KPMG.

A blaze broke out Wednesday morning and burned for three hours before it was put out. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

DAILY GRIND CAFE

Tarring caused fire

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa Fire has confirmed that work being done on the roof of the Daily Grind Café caused the massive fire Wednesday that destroyed two buildings and displaced four residents.

Fire crews were called to the corner of Somerset Street and Percy Street around 11 a.m. on Wednesday, battling a four-alarm blaze that took more than three hours to put out.

No one was injured, but people living in residential units had their homes destroyed and lost pets.

The entire two-building corner was torn down and reduced to rubble by Thursday afternoon.

“This is a devastating loss for me, but with the love, support and kindness of my friends and this incredible community I will get through this,” victim Autumn Corvus, who lost his apartment and his cat, posted on Facebook Thursday.

Several online fundraisers have been started to help the victims and business owners.

“The reality that these people need first and last months rent, furniture, a tooth brush, socks, a phone charger all while trying to grieve this massive loss,” said Joe Grafe, a friend who helped start a fundraiser for Corvus.

The businesses affected by the fire include the Middle East Bakery, Daily Grind Café, A Dark Cloud tattoo and Shiraz Market.

An insurance claim for the building has already been filed. Ottawa Fire estimated the total damage to be over $1 million.

Links to the fundraising pages can be found at Metronews.ca/Ottawa.

POLICE

Two men charged in stabbing

Ottawa police have charged two men in connection with an early morning stabbing this week in the city’s south-east end. Two men were arrested and brought to hospital with what police say were non-life-threatening injuries.

Mohamud Hussein, 25, faces charges including aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, assaulting police with intent to resist, possession of dangerous weapons.

He appeared in court Oct. 22. Mohamed Ismail, 20, faces charges of assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon. He will appear in court Nov. 24.

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No Bautista bat flip on Half Moon Run's album

ALBUM REVIEW

Sun Leads Me On has its strengths, but plays it safe

Following up 2012's stellar debut record Dark Eyes was going to be a challenge, no doubt, for Half Moon Run, and their latest studio venture is the proof in the pudding.

On Friday, the Montreal-based four-piece drops its sophomore album Sun Leads Me On, and while the album is a great piece of work on its own, comparing it to their last campaign just doesn't measure up.

The album starts slow, sounding like a Leonard Cohen ballad in Warmest Regards — a soft, melodic intro into an ultimately flat, dry album, void of any addicting hooks or hangs that made Dark Eyes so easy on the ears.

The band delves into the territory we all expected them to go in on track three, Consider Yourself. The distorted bass and haunting vocals of Devon Portielje create a dark 80s soundscape, wrought with synth bass patterns that take you through warp speed. The only thing is that it doesn't lead anywhere great. Instead, the music takes us where we've all been before, places that have already been discovered, inhabited and then discarded by bands like Arcade Fire and The Handsome Furs.

It's as if band members Portielje, Conner Molander, Dylan Phillips and Isaac Symonds were afraid to take risks on Sun Leads Me On and instead played it safe when they pumped out the record.

Again, to be fair, Sun Leads Me On isn't a bad record, but it's highly unlikely that Half Moon Run would be so popular today if this would have been their debut outing.

Half Moon Run released its sophomore album Sun Leads Me On Friday. CONTRIBUTED

While it's no Dark Eyes, Sun Leads Me On does have its own strengths. The songwriting is brilliant, the soaring vocals are perfectly polished and soulfully enjoyable, but whole album lacks a bit of that hard, catchy punch. At least I still have my Dark Eyes bruise.

IN BRIEF

School breakfast program turn 25

It's hard for kids to learn on an empty stomach, and for the last 25 years the Ottawa Network for Education has been making sure that nobody goes hungry at school through their breakfast program.

"The program was started when teachers and school staff were noticing that lots of kids came to school hungry. They were providing food out of their own homes and it became unsustainable," said Carolyn Hunter, the program's director.

The effort began in 1990 in 25 schools serving 1,000 students. This year it's turning 25 years old and operates in 175 Ottawa schools, serving 13,500 students.

To celebrate and make sure meals keep being served the organization is holding a special fundraising gala Oct. 28 at the Shaw Centre. Tickets are $125 and include a reception, auction and dinner. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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On Thursday, media industry firm Vividata told us Metro Ottawa now has 118,000 daily print readers — meaning more people pick up a Metro newspaper each day than the Ottawa Sun.

"It is great to see that the latest readership research is reflecting Metro Ottawa's strategic investment in local content and increased distribution," said Greg Lutes, vice president and group publisher, Metro Eastern Canada.

"Our goal is to reach more people on their way to work and provide them with a product that they want to read everyday, Monday to Friday," Lutes added. "Surpassing the Ottawa Sun in readership with 118,000 weekday print readers was particularly gratifying."

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5 things on PM's to-do list

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Justin Trudeau rose to power on a sweeping platform that promises everything from middle-class tax cuts to legalizing marijuana. Here, Metro examines some of the most immediate items on the incoming prime minister's to-do list. Metro is going to keep track of whether or not he fulfills those promises, and starting Monday we'll take an in-depth look at each of them.

ISTOCK

1 Gender parity

"My Liberal cabinet will have an equal number of men and women."
What: Trudeau promised gender parity in his cabinet.
How: Naming a cabinet is a delicate and difficult task with many factors to consider, including geographical representation, political experience and ethnic and linguistic diversity.
When: Trudeau will name his cabinet on Nov. 4.

ISTOCK

2 Tax cuts and tax hikes

"A Liberal government will introduce, as its very first bill in Parliament, a tax cut for the middle class."
What: The Liberals have said their first act upon recalling Parliament will be to pass legislation enacting the middle class tax cut that formed the backbone of their platform.
How: The Liberals will cut the middle income tax bracket to 20.5 per cent from 22 per cent and add a new tax bracket of 33 per cent for people earning more than $200,000 per year.
When: As soon as Parliament resumes.

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3 Syrian refugees

"Canada must immediately accept 25,000 Syrian refugees, stop dragging its heels and understand that we must once again be the country that we like to think of ourselves as."
What: The Liberals pledged to expand Canada's intake of refugees from Syria by 25,000 "through immediate Government sponsorship."
How: The plan includes $100 million this fiscal year to speed up refugee processing, and another $100 million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to support relief efforts.
When: By the end of the year.

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4 Climate change

"We will go to Paris united as a country in our desire to reduce our emissions in a significant and serious way."
What: The United Nations climate change conference in Paris starts Nov. 30.
How: Trudeau said he would bring the premiers with him, and work with them to establish a national framework to fight climate change, including new national emissions reduction targets.
When: Within 90 days.

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5 Indigenous women

"We will work with communities and with engaged stakeholders to ensure that we get moving on this quickly."
What: Trudeau has committed to a national inquiry into the more than 1,200 cases of missing and murdered indigenous women.
How: He didn't specify this week exactly when it would start. But he said he'll sit down soon with Perry Bellegarde, the Assembly of First Nations national chief, to discuss the matter.
When: Unknown.

Some other promises to keep an eye on

1 Senate reform
With 22 vacancies and a Conservative majority in the Senate, Trudeau may have to move quickly so legislation passes in the Upper Chamber. He has promised a non-partisan, merit-based process to advise him on Senate appointments.

2 Long-form census
Trudeau has promised to restore the mandatory long-form census, which the Conservatives scrapped in 2010. Critics said its replacement, the National Household Survey, was more expensive and less reliable.

3 Combat mission in Iraq
Trudeau committed during the campaign to ending Canada's bombing mission against ISIL and refocus on training local forces.

4 Electoral reform
Trudeau has vowed that 2015 will include the last federal election conducted under the first-past-the-post voting system, and to introduce electoral reform legislation within 18 months after a parliamentary committee studies all the options.

5 Legalizing marijuana
It was one Trudeau's first policy planks after being elected leader of the Liberal party in 2013. The Liberals have said they will create a task force to design a new system of "strict marijuana sales and distribution." They will also remove marijuana consumption and incidental possession from the Criminal Code.

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The scene is hopping at Hintonburg's Tooth and Nail. JORDAN DUFF / FOR METRO

Bringing people together over beer

BEVERAGES

Brewer focuses on what's important

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Jordan Duff

Good day readers. Now that the attention-hogging "national election" is out of the way, we can again focus on what the people really want: beer.

But not just any beer. People want quality local beer. With that in mind, let me introduce you to the Tooth and Nail Brewing Company in Hintonburg.

It's understandable if your immediate reaction is "C'mon, another new brewery in the city?" But hold on, let me show you how this one is different.

Brewers/owners/operators Matt and Dayna were very specific when they set out on their mission to open their dream business: it had to be a brewery and a bar; it needed to be in an accessible urban location; and it needed to be in a neighbourhood that valued a sense of community. The former printing factory at 3 Irving Ave. in Hintonburg fit the criteria.

The goal was an open, friendly and social atmosphere. In my reconnaissance visits, I noticed a wide breadth of customers, especially young families. It was refreshing to see these parents enjoying social pints. As Matt told me "Beer brings people together."

In fact, beer brought Matt and Dayna together; they met when both working in the industry in Toronto. They both had an admiration for the growth of the craft industry and even share an appreciation for similar beer styles.

When you do visit their brewpub, in addition to wine and small plates, you'll have a wide range of beer options carefully prepared by Matt. As a fan of a well-balanced IPA, I was taken by the flavourful Rabble-Rouser, but the belgian-styled Stamina was a winner as well.

The remaining roster is solid and includes Vim and Vigor (pilsner), Fortitude (stout), Housewarmer (ale) and Tenacity (pale ale).

If you find a brew that tickles your fancy, check the bottle shop on the way out for some take-home cans or crowlers. And no, that's not a typo; crowlers are 32-ounce cans that are designed to provide a better seal than growlers when transporting your beer. Tooth and Nail will be one of the first places in Canada to offer these innovative beer capsules.

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EDUCATION

Ontario government paid teachers' unions

Education Minister Liz Sandals says no receipts or invoices were provided to the Ontario government as it decided to pay teachers' unions $2.5 million for extra costs incurred during bargaining.

Sandals says she does know the cost of renting rooms, the cost of travel, the cost of food, and how many people were involved in bargaining, so no receipts were needed to estimate the unions' costs during the contract talks.

She says, "You don't need to see every bill when you're doing an estimate of costs."

The government agreed to pay the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association $1 million each, as well as $500,000 to the French teachers' union to compensate them for an extra long process under the Liberal government's new bargaining system.

Sandals says the circumstances will not reoccur because in the next round of bargaining the parties won't have to start from scratch, hammering out each and every clause.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, which has not yet reached a central contract with the government, announced today its members will be withdrawing from all voluntary extracurricular activities as of Wednesday.

The union said the move was aimed at putting pressure on Crown negotiators to return to the table, but Sandals said Wednesday the government has been available and ready to bargain.

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HEALTH CARE

Cuts, layoffs risk patients' lives: nurses

The Ontario Nurses' Association warns hospital patients are at increased risk of dying because of cuts to registered nursing positions across the province, but the government insists the ill are being cared for.

Union president Linda Haslam-Stroud says the Liberals may say they hired 24,000 nurses since they were first elected in 2003, but reality is 625 registered nursing positions have been cut in Ontario this year, mainly at hospitals.

"We know that as they erode these RN positions our patients' chances of dying increase," she said. "The reality is that's what is happening."

Hospital budgets have been flatlined for four years, so only the most difficult and complex patients are admitted, and that requires more nurses, added Haslam-Stroud.

She said some of the cuts were done by "stealth" because hospitals didn't replace nurses who retired or moved, while others were layoffs.

The government does want more care provided in home and community-based settings instead of much more expensive hospitals.

"We understand that there is a transition in communities where there is more community care that is being set up," said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne. "We will continue to increase health-care funding as we go through the transformation."

The 60,000-member ONA warned that nurses don't like or want the lower-paying jobs offered by companies contracted to provide home care.

Health Minister Eric Hoskins insisted the transition from hospital to home care is working, and he doesn't think patients are being put at risk by the RN cuts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Cops seek robber who may be covered in red dye

Ottawa police are on the lookout for a man who robbed a bank on Richmond Road this week.

He may have one distinctive feature: either he or his clothing may be covered in red dye. That's because the cash he made off with contained an anti-theft device, or a dye pack. People in the bank saw the dye pack explode all over the man as he left the bank along the 100 block of Richmond Road. The man had entered with a handgun around 12:40 p.m. on Oct. 20 and demanded the cash. He is described as white, about 6-foot-1 with short hair and a clean-shaven face. He wore a dark coat, jeans and a dark baseball cap. He also carried a large, military-style green camouflage backpack.

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Trudeau's 2013 'Just watch me' note fetches $12,000 on eBay

LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

PM-designate predicted he would succeed Harper

A note that referenced the past while predicting the future has been sold for more than $12,000.

The document is a 2013 note in which then-Liberal leadership contender Justin Trudeau predicted he would succeed Stephen Harper as Canada's prime minister.

Michael Kydd was on a Porter Airlines flight on March 20 that year and passed a note to Trudeau, whom he had never met, asking "Can you really beat Harper?"

Trudeau responded with a quote from his late father — former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau — "Just watch me."

The younger Trudeau, who was running for the Liberal leadership at the time, is now the prime minister-designate after helping his party win a majority government in Monday's election.

The note, which was posted on eBay, sold this afternoon for a total of $12,301.

Kydd, who formerly worked in communications for the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservatives, said the reference was instantly recognizable to him as someone with a "true love" of Canadian history.

"I immediately understood the significance," said Kydd. "I actually laughed out loud when I read it because I thought it was the absolute perfect response."

Kydd said he tweeted the message at the time and heard about it from Trudeau during a chance encounter near the Chateau Laurier Hotel two months later when he was on business in Ottawa.

Kydd said Trudeau seemed to recognize him and asked if he knew him from somewhere.

Kydd replied, "How does 'Just watch me' on an airplane sound?"

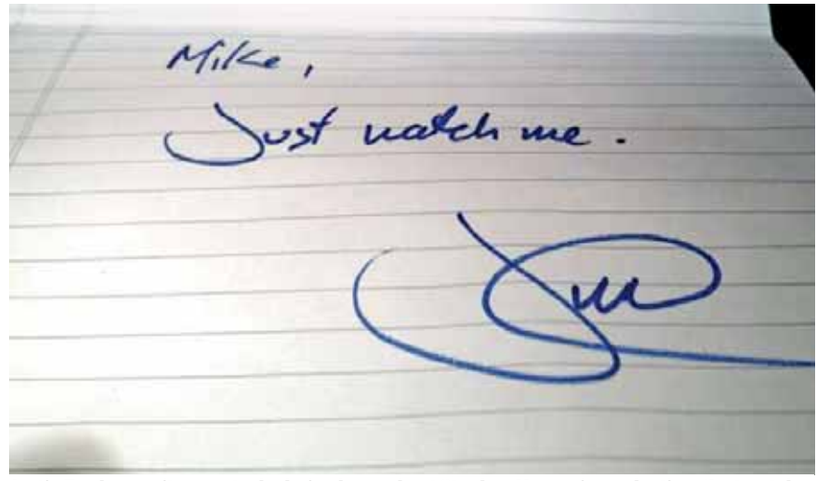
"He poked me in the chest and he was laughing and he said, you have no idea how much trouble you got me into with the Liberal Party of Canada over that."

Kydd said he told Trudeau that he, too, had heard about it from Conservatives.

Trudeau's father replied "Well, just watch me!" on Oct. 13, 1970, when asked by a reporter how far he would go in limiting civil liberties to combat separatist terrorists during the October Crisis.

Three days later, Pierre Elliott Trudeau invoked the War Measures Act, giving police more power in response to the kidnapping of British diplomat James Cross and Quebec provincial cabinet minister Pierre Laporte by the FLQ.

Kydd said he is considering what to do with the money from the eBay auction, including a potential charitable donation. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Justin Trudeau writes a note declaring he can beat Stephen Harper in an election: 'Just watch me'. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Diane Finley puts name forward to run for interim leader

Longtime MP and former cabinet minister Diane Finley says she has the experience to guide the Conservative caucus into its new role as the official Opposition, and intends to run for the interim leadership of the party.

The reduced caucus of 99 MPs is responsible for appointing the interim position, but the date for their next meeting has yet to be set. The party's constitution says that an interim leader cannot seek the permanent position.

In an interview, the 58-year-old Finley, a former businesswoman, said she has the right resume for the interim leader's role, starting with the fact that she sat with the party in opposition after her first win in 2004.

She said the role will require a good manager, as the caucus transitions into a different kind of operating culture.

"When you're in government, you have the officials and bureaucrats to do a lot of research for you, to prepare speeches and notes. You have a much bigger political staff to be able to support the members," said Finley, whose last cabinet post was as public works minister.

"When you're in opposition, you don't have that, you have to do a lot of the work yourself ... so you have to become much more self-sufficient, and a lot of our returning members have never sat in opposition, so that's something for which they're going to need some support in developing those skills and talents."

Finley said she does not know yet when the caucus will convene and vote for interim leader. Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau is naming his cabinet on Nov. 4, and the Conservatives will need to shape their own shadow cabinet.

The position of leader of the official Opposition comes with a number of perks, including a car and driver, use of the official residence at Stornoway, and a salary bump of $80,100. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minister of Public Works and Government Services Diane Finley speaks during question period in the House of Commons on June 15, 2015. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BLOC QUEBECOIS

Duceppe quits after election performance

Gilles Duceppe, the Bloc Quebecois' first-ever MP and the man who dominated the party for nearly 15 years, stepped down as leader Thursday after a less-than-stellar performance in this week's election.

Duceppe's departure comes four months into his second spell as head of the sovereigntist party following a 14-year stint between 1997 and 2011.

"I am turning the page, the last page, of a passionate political adventure," he said at party headquarters.

The Bloc won 10 out of Quebec's 78 ridings on Monday, leaving it two short of the 12 seats required for official party status.

Compounding its woes was another double whammy: Duceppe losing his Montreal riding for the second election in a row and the party garnering just 19.3 per cent of the popular vote in Quebec.

After stating earlier this week that the numbers weren't good enough, Duceppe said Thursday the 10 MPs will provide the party with stability until the next election.

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Gilles Duceppe announces he's stepping down as leader of the Bloc Quebecois at a news conference in Montreal on Thursday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Russian military gives reporters Syrian tour

MIDDLE EAST

Exhibition comes as leaders meet in Moscow

Russian fighter jets streak into the sky from this base in western Syria for yet another day of the heavy bombing runs that have allowed Moscow to portray itself as a major global player, projecting military power far from its borders.

While support crews attached a missile to an Su-30 jet for a mission Thursday, helicopter gunships buzzed around the base to make sure there was no threat of a ground attack.

Russia has been conducting daily airstrikes in Syria since Sept. 30 to back a government offensive by its longtime ally. Moscow says it is targeting militants, especially from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and other extremists. The U.S. and others have criticized the strikes, which they say are aimed primarily at groups fighting Assad's forces and likely only to fan the violence.

The Russian Defence Ministry flew Moscow-based reporters to the air base early Thursday, giving a few international news organizations their first inside look at its operations here.

The tour was organized Wednesday, the same day the Kremlin announced that Syrian President Bashar Assad had met in Moscow with President Vladimir Putin. Assad's visit Tuesday was his first known trip abroad since the conflict broke out in 2011 and raised intense speculation about the their motives.

A diplomatic push also was underway. Russia said Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry would meet Friday in Vienna and would be joined by their counterparts from Saudi Arabia and Turkey, both staunch critics of Assad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Russian pilot walks from his Su-30 jet in the background at Hemeimeem airbase, Syria. Since early morning, Russian combat jets have been taking off from this base heading for missions. VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIA

U.S. forces destroy ISIL-held oil field

U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq and Syria carried out a large-scale attack on Syria's Omar oil field as part of its mission to target the Islamic State group's ability to generate money, a coalition spokesman said Thursday.

Operations officer Maj. Michael Filanowski told journalists in Baghdad that airstrikes late Wednesday struck IS-controlled oil refineries, command and control centres and transportation nodes in the Omar oil field near the town of Deir el-Zour.

Coalition spokesman Col. Steven Warren said the attack hit 26 targets, making it one of the largest set of strikes since launching the air campaign last year.

The refinery generates between $1.7 and $5.1 million per month for the Islamic State group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **"It was very specific targets that would result in long-term incapacitation of their ability to sell oil.**
> Maj. Michael Filanowski

IN BRIEF

Hillary Clinton speaks at latest Benghazi committee

Hillary Rodham Clinton firmly defended her actions on Benghazi as she came face-to-face Thursday with the Republican-led special investigation of the 2012 attacks on a U.S. diplomatic mission in the Libyan city.

Democrats have assailed the investigation as a ploy to derail Clinton's White House bid. Clinton kicked off a long day of questioning with a plea that the United States maintain its global leadership role despite the threat posed to U.S. diplomats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

70 prisoners freed from ISIL in U.S./Iraqi raid

Believing that Islamic State captives held on a compound in northern Iraq faced "imminent mass execution," dozens of U.S. special operations troops and Iraqi forces raided the site Thursday, freeing approximately 70 Iraqi prisoners in an operation that saw the first American killed in combat in the country since the U.S. war against IS began in 2014, officials said.

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At least 10 dead in Shiite mosque by suicide bomb

A suicide bomber targeted a Shiite mosque in southwest Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least 10 people and wounding several others, a government official said.

Six children were among those killed, Bugti said. The male suicide bomber was wearing a woman's head-to-toe burqa dress to deceive guards, he said.

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ISRAEL

One dead in case of mistaken identity

A Jewish Israeli man was shot and killed in a scuffle with Israeli soldiers who suspected he was a Palestinian attacker, police said Thursday, in a reflection of the jittery mood that has gripped Israelis amid a spate of near-daily stabbings.

The shooting came as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was in Germany for talks with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on how to restore calm. Kerry is set to meet with the Palestinians this weekend.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the shooting of the Israeli man in Jerusalem late Wednesday occurred after soldiers patrolling the area asked him to show his ID as he got off a bus.

The man refused, scuffled with the soldiers and then attempted to seize one of their weapons. A private security guard nearby shot the man, and one soldier also opened fire, police said. The man later died of his wounds.

Police said the soldiers had grown suspicious when the man, speaking in Hebrew, asked to see their IDs and proclaimed, "I am ISIS," referring to the Islamic State militant group.

"The soldiers had high suspicions that he was a terrorist," Rosenfeld said. Police later identified the man as a 28-year-old Jewish resident of Jerusalem, without providing further details.

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THE CURRENT OUTBREAK

Ten Israelis have been killed over the last month, mainly in stabbing attacks. On the Palestinian side, 48 people have been killed, 27 of them labeled by Israel as attackers, the others killed in clashes with Israeli forces.

The violence erupted a month ago, fueled by rumours that Israel was plotting to take over a sensitive Jerusalem holy site revered by both Jews and Muslims.

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CONSERVATION

Marine sanctuary established

Lawmakers in the tiny Pacific island nation of Palau passed a law Thursday to make almost all its coastal waters a marine sanctuary in the latest move to expand ocean protections.

A news release said Palau's president plans to sign the legislation next week. Friday is a national holiday in Palau.

The Palau National Marine Sanctuary Act designates 80 per cent of the nation's maritime territory as a fully protected marine reserve in which no extractive activities, such as fishing or mining, can take place.

At 500,000 square kilometres, or slightly larger than the U.S. state of California, the sanctuary will be the sixth-largest fully protected marine area in the world.

The measure also seeks to prevent illegal fishing by tightening rules for vessels passing through Palau's waters.

About 20 per cent of Palau's waters will be reserved as a domestic fishing zone for local fishermen and small-scale commercial fisheries with limited exports. There will be a five-year transition as the number of commercial licenses issued to foreign commercial fishing vessels will be reduced and phased out.

President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. described the measure as essential.

The Palau Capital building is seen in Melekeok, Palau. One of the world's smallest countries, Palau's 20,000 people are scattered across 250 islands. ITSUO INOUYE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"We want to lead the way in restoring the health of the ocean for future generations," he said in a statement.

The country created the world's first shark sanctuary in 2009, but until recently had only one patrol boat to help protect its great hammerheads, leopard sharks and more than 130 other species of shark and rays from extinction.

> **We want to lead the way in restoring the health of the ocean for future generations**
> Tommy E. Remengesau Jr.

Earlier this year, the government set fire to several vessels caught fishing illegally to underscore its commitment to protecting its seas.

Palau, about 970 kilometres east of the Philippines, is one of the world's smallest countries, its 20,000 people scattered across a tropical archipelago of 250 islands that is a biodiversity hot spot.

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Tensions rise at border crossings

BALKANS

Police struggle to handle thousands of refugees

Soldiers attempt to maintain order on Thursday at a border crossing in Spielfeld, Austria, as refugees wait to be transferred after arriving from Slovenia.
PETR DAVID JOSEK AND DARKO BANDIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Refugees traded punches and scuffled with police at a Serbian border crossing and a man was stabbed in a similar clash on the Slovenian border Thursday, as pent-up pressures on their trek toward hoped-for safe haven in the European Union boiled over.

Slovenian police said the stabbing took place near Rigonci earlier in the day, and that the victim was given medical treatment.

The unrest at Berkasovo village on the Serbian border subsided after several minutes. But the outbreak reflected the frustrations of the tens of thousands of people facing long waits and other hardships as they make their way north over the Balkans each day in search of better lives in prosperous EU countries.

Further along that route, Austrian police moved to relieve pent-up pressure which they feared could lead to violence, removing barriers at an overcrowded collection point at a border crossing with Slovenia. A day earlier, thousands of refugees broke through police obstacles at the same collection centre at the Spielfeld border point.

Many of the refugees spilled out of the facility Thursday but then gathered nearby, following police instructions. But many others walked away from the border.

The collection area just inside the Austrian border was again full by afternoon. Police and soldiers struggled to maintain order as the crowd surged every time a group was separated for transport by bus to shelters and processing.

Trampled, pushed or otherwise hurt, several people were seen receiving medical attention, including one boy, about 8 years old, whose leg was being bandaged and a younger boy being given oxygen. At least two adults were taken away on stretchers.

A police officer with a loudspeaker urged people to sit and wait for buses, warning "if you make trouble, we make trouble." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SWEDEN

Fire makes refugee barracks unlivable; arson suspected

The teenage refugees had a new home in the newly built asylum centre in southern Sweden. Hours before moving in, flames broke out in the wooden barracks.

No one was hurt. But it was among a spate of fires at asylum facilities raising concerns that the Scandinavian country's generous policy toward refugees is under a serious backlash.

"Happily no one has died. These people have fled war, hunger, terror, poverty and found shelter here, where they are met with fire," said Mona Lindgren, a retired shopkeeper in this sleepy town just north of Malmo, Sweden's third largest city. "That's not acceptable."

Last week's fire at the barracks, intended as temporary housing for unaccompanied children, was quickly extinguished, but the building became uninhabitable.

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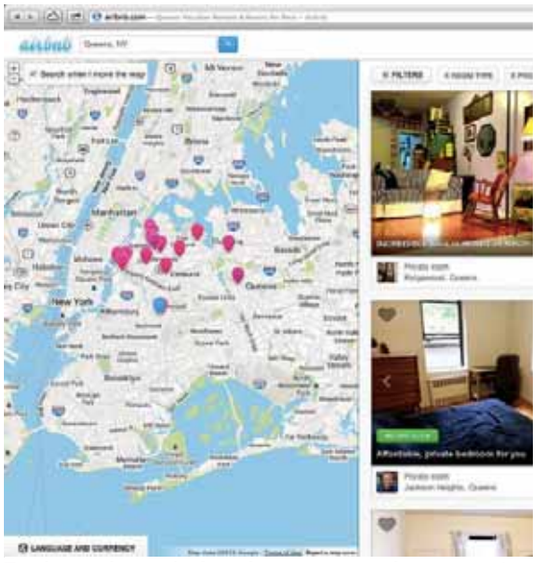
MORE FIRES

Early Thursday, a former retirement home, also meant for refugees, was partly damaged by fire; no one was inside at the time. Two days earlier 14 refugees were evacuated in the middle of the night from a burning building near Munkedal, in southwestern Sweden. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tourists are increasingly opting to rent space in a stranger's house through sites like Airbnb to avoid staying in a pricey hotel, such as in New York City. COURTESY AIRBNB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airbnb hosts get insurance

SHARING ECONOMY

Canada one of 15 new countries to get protection

Airbnb is adding a new level of insurance coverage in Canada as part of wider support for people who list their properties through its service.

The online accommodation provider announced Thursday that its Host Protection Insurance program, which launched earlier this year in the United States, would be rolled out in 15 more countries.

The expanded coverage will provide compensation if a guest is injured at a property listed on Airbnb and brings a claim against the host. The insurance could also cover damages a guest causes to the surrounding area — such as accidental water damage if a pipe burst affects a neighbouring apartment.

Coverage, which comes at no additional cost to the host, tops out at $1 million, the company said.

The Host Protection Insurance program, which will be provided through a partnership with a Lloyd's of London participating insurer, comes after Airbnb spent four years on an agreement that satisfied the insurers, said Airbnb product lead Jonathan Golden.

"The insurance industry is not fast paced, so it has taken time to educate them on these platforms," he said.

"It has been a challenge to handle products like these (which are) unique and individual solutions."

Airbnb has been growing in popularity as the so-called "sharing economy" becomes more commonplace with the help of taxi-hailing service Uber and various other apps.

Golden said Airbnb executives wanted to line up a significant number of countries before it launched the expanded insurance coverage.

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IN BRIEF

Major solar players expanding globally

Canada's few major players in the solar industry are growing up and heading out into the world.

Private companies like Amp Solar Group Inc. and SkyPower Global, both of which were raised on Ontario's generous renewable energy subsidies, are now making big pushes into emerging markets as they outgrow limited opportunities in Canada. AMP Solar chief executive Dave Rogers said that while the company is still committed to expanding in Canada, the market is relatively small.

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PHARMACEUTICALS

Valeant in crisis as stock dives

Explosive, unproven allegations against Valeant Pharmaceuticals have caught the eye of a Canadian regulator and raised serious questions about its business structure — even from the company's long-time supporters.

The market value of Canada's biggest publicly traded pharmaceutical company has been cut by more than $30 billion this week as Valeant's stock plunged Tuesday, Wednesday and again Thursday amid intense scrutiny of its business practices.

Citron Research, a U.S. firm that says it examines fraudulent and over-hyped stocks, alleged Wednesday that Valeant created a network of pharmacies to distribute its products and avoid the scrutiny of auditors.

Quebec's securities regulator says it hasn't launched a formal investigation into Valeant, which has its headquarters in Laval near Montreal, but is watching the situation "very seriously."

There have been no charges or formal allegations laid against Valeant by U.S. or Canadian authorities.

Analyst Alex Arfaei of BMO Capital Markets said that while Valeant's actions may not be illegal, the allegations raise concerns about the entire company that may not be fully eased until there is an investigation.

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CATHERINE LITTLE ON TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT SAD STUFF

A horrible car crash. Three sisters killed in a farm accident. The anniversary of the shooting in our nation's capital. These images are seared into our collective memory. The reality is, many children will experience death.

When I was in Grade 10, there was an announcement on the PA system in the middle of English class. A student had died. I remember the teacher was visibly shaken.

What made me think about this more than 30 years later were recent news events. Multiple horrible car crashes. Three sisters killed in a farm accident. The anniversary of shooting in our nation's capital that left a young soldier dead. These deaths were particularly horrific and will be deeply traumatic to many. The images of the dead and grieving seared into our collective memory.

The reality is many children will experience death, sometimes that of a young friend. Occasionally, they learn about these things at school or in the media. Teachers can help, but other significant adults are just as important.

A 2013 paper in the Alberta Journal of Educational Research reported that teachers are uncertain about discussing death in the classroom. And it certainly wasn't covered when I went to teacher's college.

I wish I had been better prepared when one of my students died suddenly a few months into Grade Seven. My principal phoned me at home on a Sunday night so I would know ahead of the PA announcement. It was my first year teaching and I was struggling to get to know almost 200 students. It was her first year at a new school.

Children need to talk about death. Protecting them from what has happened often leaves them feeling alone, even alienated.

Natasha Cirillo, sister of the late Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, comforts the soldier's six-year-old son Marcus during a ceremony marking the one-year anniversary of the Oct. 22, 2014 Parliament Hill shooting. Significant adults — parents, teachers, extended family and even coaches — have a responsibility to answer kids' questions about death head-on, writes Catherine Little.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Students and staff were encouraged to attend the funeral, and counselors were available. But we didn't know who would need the most support. Some of the students barely knew who she was. Others were close friends.

Significant adults — parents, guardians, extended family, special teachers and coaches etc. — are vital in these situations. According to the Canadian Virtual Hospice, children need to talk about death. Research shows that honesty is the best course of action. Protecting children from what has happened often leaves them feeling alone, even alienated.

And yes, children can even become deeply affected by a tragic story on the news. Each death will affect each child differently. It helps if there is an adult to start an honest conversation.

It can start very simply with, "I'm really sad that they died. How do you feel?" Acknowledging feelings and leaving an open invitation to talk can make the difference.

The student who died when I was in Grade 10 was my friend Loretta. No one in my high school knew we had been friends since we were six or so. I visited her at home when she got sick. I stood by her hospital bed when we knew the end was near. And yet, I learned about her death like it was a reminder to try out for the volleyball team. Luckily, I had some significant adults in my life. They didn't tell me it was for the best. They listened when I needed to rail against the injustice of it. But mostly, they were there to sit with me when I didn't want to be alone.

Catherine Little is a science and mathematics educator, consultant and writer.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The complex feminism of the woman trying to clear Ghomeshi's name

It's hard not to admire — even idolize — Marie Henein.

Particularly after you've read the new magazine profile of her.

Until it landed this week in Toronto Life, Henein had been defined in most Canadians' minds as the enigmatic lawyer representing former CBC host Jian Ghomeshi against explosive sexual assault charges.

That made her, to some, an enemy of feminism. To others, it made her not just a boss, but *the* boss. A frighteningly smart, incredibly talented (not to mention impeccably dressed) woman at the very top of criminal defense law in this country. So what if she is defending an alleged predator? Someone's got to.

Now, Henein is allowing us a far more intimate look, from which emerges a far more complex picture. And there are two questions to ask: Why now? And what (or so what) about her feminism?

Described as a shark, a brilliant strategist and incredibly hardworking, Henein also emerges as an astute sculpturer of her own image. There are no missteps, there is always calculation.

Take this comment, which a CBC story attributes to a lecture she gave in 2010:

"The importance of developing your narrative starts from the moment the client walks into your office. It drives everything that you do, your analysis of the law, your comments to the media, your approach with experts and witnesses."

Under that light, I read the article as part of the Ghomeshi saga. After all, Henein hardly needs the media profile — she got that just by taking the case, and her handling of it will speak far more than a magazine piece.

Then there's her feminism.

A criminally low sexual-assault conviction rate in this country won't go away if lawyers like Henein keep doing their best in a system stacked against victims. On the flip side, lawyers should always do their best. Even if that means — as Henein has done in the past — attacking the credibility an alleged victim.

She is undoubtedly a feminist, who rejects the message women have to be perfect to "have it all." She brushes off questions about juggling motherhood and work by telling women to just do it. But that's not the sentiment of someone inclined to prioritize structural inequality in society, or our legal system, over individual agency. Henein's apparent religious devotion to the law seems to supersede her feminism.

We seem to want powerful women to reflect our own brand of feminism. But Henein seems to judge herself on her devotion to upholding the law. It's hardly fair to condemn her for doing exactly that.

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Before he was Hollywood's ATM

Vin Diesel is so convinced his new film The Witch Hunter will do well that he announced back in July the studio wants him to commit to a sequel. CONTRIBUTED

VIN DIESEL

Self-directed debut led to Saving Private Ryan role

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Usually the scariest thing about Vin Diesel is the amount of money his movies make. The Fast and Furious franchise has raked in more than $4 billion. Add in revenue from Guardians of the Galaxy and Riddick and you have a truly terrifying amount of money.

In his new film, The Last Witch Hunter, the raspy-voiced actor boasts, "You know what I'm afraid of? Nothing," as he delivers scares playing an immortal warrior who must prevent evil New York witches from destroying the world.

The 48-year-old is so convinced the movie will do well, he's already announced that the studio is developing a sequel.

"The first one doesn't hit theatres until October 23rd," he wrote on Facebook in July, "yet they want me to commit and already block out time to film it."

Before Fast and Furious made him Hollywood's version of an ATM, Diesel made baby steps towards becoming a superstar. Director Steven Spielberg saw Multi-Facial, Diesel's self directed, written, produced and scored über low budget short film and was so taken with the young actor he had the role of Private Caparzo in Saving Private Ryan specially written for him. The result was an effective performance that mixed physicality with poignancy. Winning the role, he says, was "like one of those Hollywood fairy tales that you never believed."

Critics began to take notice. New York Times critic A.O. Scott said he, "may be the sexiest ugly man in movies since Anthony Quinn" as Diesel lent his distinctive gravelly voice to the title character in the animated film The Iron Giant and played streetwise stockbroker Chris Varick in the 2000 stockbroker drama Boiler Room.

His breakout performance came with the sci-fi film Pitch Black. "Richard B. Riddick," he says by way of introduction. "Escaped convict. Murderer." Artificial eyes allow Riddick to see in the dark, making him very useful when bloodthirsty creatures attack during a month-long eclipse. The character became a franchise for the actor, spawning sequels, video games and animated films.

"I know it sounds corny but I feel like I learn about myself when I play that character," said Diesel. "Going to that dark isolated place produces some kind of vision or understanding about myself. He mirrors my own quest for identity, my eternal quest as a child."

Movies like Knockaround Guys and Babylon A.D. played on his tough guy persona, but with The Pacifier he tried to switch from cracking ribs to tickling funny bones. Playing a Navy Seal assigned to protect a house full of out-of-control kids, he attempted to prove he was more than just a muscle mass that got lucky in pictures.

The chaotic comedy made some money, but ultimately proved Diesel's strength lay in muscle, not mayhem.

Since then he has stayed the course, pumping out action-adventure films — including the soon-to-be relaunched xXx— proving himself to be a great action star.

Smarter than Stallone, younger than Schwarzenegger and with even less hair than Bruce Willis, his appeal transcends his biceps, as he also appears to have a brain in his head.

Throw in a large dollop of charisma and look out Jason Statham, you're about to be kick boxed into the old age home.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Last Witch Hunter	★★
Remember	★★★★
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HOW RATING WORKS	
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HORROR

Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension

Director: Gregory Plotkin
Starring: Chris Murray, Chris J. Miller, Brit Shaw, Ivy George

The Paranormal Activity series grows with this fifth entry from Paramount Pictures.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED
Audience: +82%

ACTION & ADVENTURE

The Last Witch Hunter

Director: Breck Eisner
Starring: Vin Diesel, Elijah Wood, Rose Leslie

The modern world holds many secrets, but the most astounding secret of all is that witches still live amongst us; vicious supernatural creatures intent on unleashing the Black Death upon the world.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 21%
Audience: +96%

DRAMA

Rock the Kasbah

Director: Barry Levinson
Starring: Bill Murray, Scott Caan, Bruce Willis

Rock the Kasbah is the story of "Richie Vance," a has-been rock manager who takes his last remaining client on a USO tour of Afghanistan. When Richie finds himself in Kabul, abandoned, he discovers a young girl with an extraordinary voice.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 10%
Audience: +92%

ACTION & ADVENTURE

Jem and the Holograms

Director: Jon M. Chu
Starring: Aubrey Peeples, Stefanie Scott

Jem and the Holograms rock their way to the big screen in this live-action adaptation of he popular 1980s cartoon. Nashville star Aubrey Peeples takes front stage as Jerrica Benton (a.k.a. Jem).

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED
Audience: +74%

DRAMA

Steve Jobs

Director: Danny Boyle
Starring: Michael Fassbender, Seth Rogen, Kate Winslet

Set backstage at three iconic product launches and ending in 1998 with the unveiling of the iMac, Steve Jobs takes us behind the scenes of the digital revolution to paint an intimate portrait of the brilliant man at its epicenter.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 84%
Audience: 81%

MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

Secret in their Eyes

Director: Billy Ray
Starring: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Julia Roberts

This adaptation of Juan José Campanella's 2010 Argentinian film of the same name is helmed by Billy Ray. Chiwetel Ejiofor, Julia Roberts, and Nicole Kidman star in this dark drama thriller about a team of FBI agents investigating the murders of teenage girls.

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Audience: +99%

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Aaron Sorkin talks about turning fact into fiction

Michael Fassbender plays the titular role in Steve Jobs, opening this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

INTERVIEW

The man behind Steve Jobs film defends his creative liberties

Aaron Sorkin will remind you that he is a writer when talking about his latest film, Steve Jobs.

As such, the dialogue-heavy account of the late Apple co-founder's life contains obvious fabrications in service of a larger truth.

It's centred on a series of verbal smackdowns between Jobs and various members of his inner circle, with Michael Fassbender starring as the tyrannical genius, Seth Rogen as co-founder/friend Steve (Woz) Wozniak and Kate Winslet as former Macintosh marketing chief Joanna Hoffman.

In the face of ardent critics — including Jobs's widow Laurene, Apple CEO Tim Cook and Apple's head of design and close friend Jony Ive — Sorkin has insisted this is "a painting, not a photograph."

"I would describe almost all non-fiction movies that way. But this one in particular," the screenwriter says in a recent visit to Toronto to discuss the film, which largely steers clear of impersonations and familiar catchphrases.

"And that's not to say I've changed any biographical facts about Steve Jobs. Here's what I've done: Steve did not have confrontations with the same five people 40 minutes before every product launch that he did. That's a writer's conceit and it announces itself pretty early on as one. The content of those confrontations, those are real."

If people are looking for a journalistic account, Sorkin encourages them to check out Walter Isaacson's exhaustive biography.

"The Santa Fe Opera just commissioned an opera about Steve Jobs that'll be out in 2017 — I wonder if people are going to be going around saying, 'Now, wait a second. Was Steve really a tenor in real life?"'

Here Sorkin talks about condensing a life and dealing with critics.

The construct employed here is obvious. But people who were close to Jobs seem to be upset that softer elements of the man they knew are not presented as they'd like.

The people I think you're talking about — Mrs. Jobs, Tim Cook the CEO of Apple, Jony Ive — haven't seen the movie. So they wouldn't know what's in the movie. I think they're reacting to Walter's book and they don't know what's in the movie. The people who knew Steve well who have seen the movie (including) Woz ... have reacted very positively to it and feel that Steve was captured. So I would just ask that judgment be reserved until you've seen the movie.

It is the movie you set out to make.

I'm really proud of everything that I've written — and that said, there isn't anything that I've written that I wouldn't mind having back and doing it again. And the same is true for this movie, for Steve Jobs, but not because of anything anyone has said.... It's a little surprising that there are certain things which in 2015 are coming up with very sophisticated audiences. For instance, take a movie like The Queen — no one thinks that Peter Morgan, the writer of The Queen, was actually in Balmoral Castle when these discussions were going on.... Writers are going to invent dialogue because people don't speak in dialogue and people's lives don't unfold in a series of scenes that form a narrative arc.

Seth Rogen will surprise his comedy fans for showing a lot of emotion as Woz.

He's fantastic in this movie. I think I'm right that we didn't discuss any other actor but Seth. Someone who can do comedy as honestly and intelligently as Seth does, there's really no worry in your mind that they're going to be able to do this material. You'd worry, 'Is someone able to be funny?' but you wouldn't worry going the other way. I never had a concern about Seth being able to handle this material.

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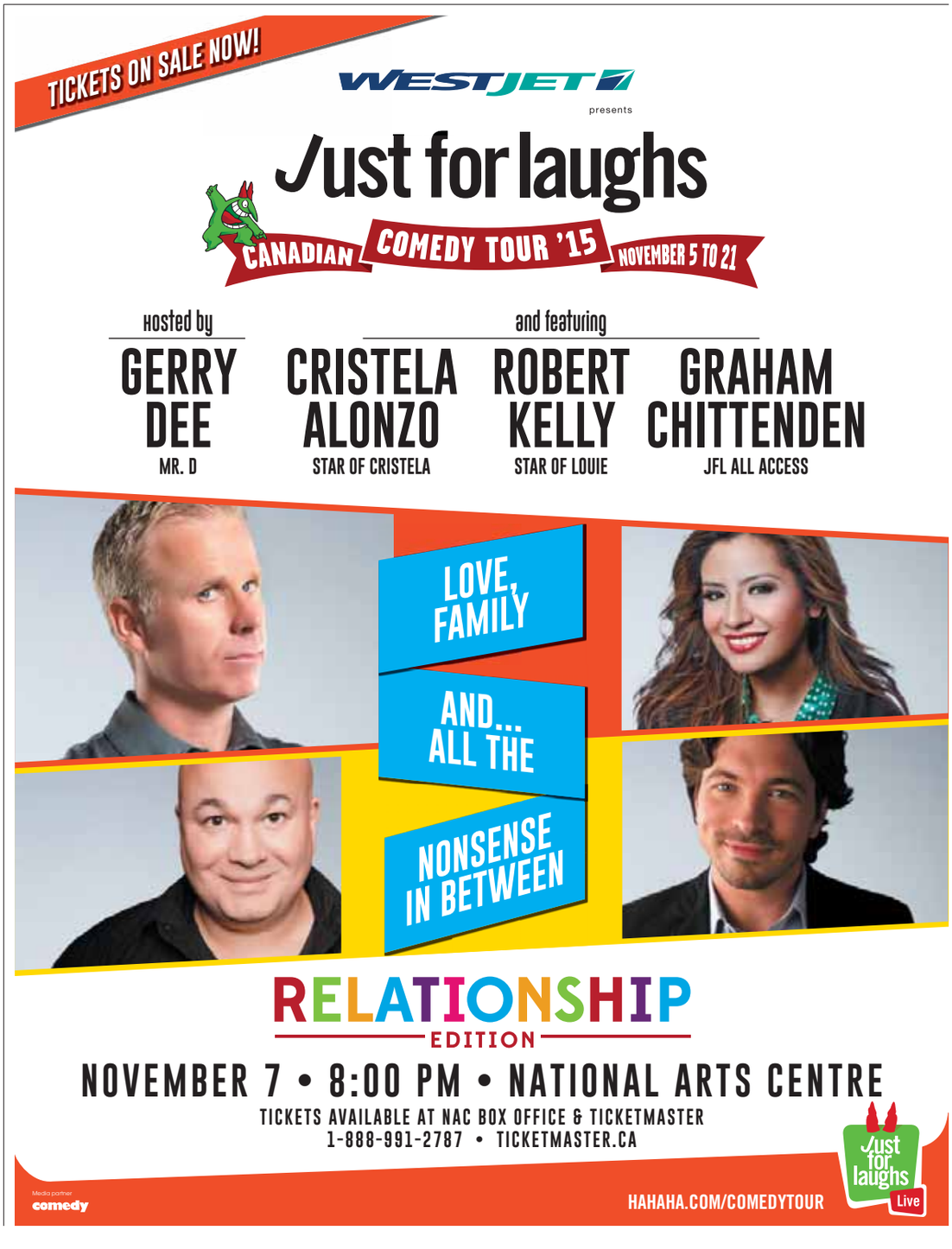


5 BOOKS IF YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF BASEBALL

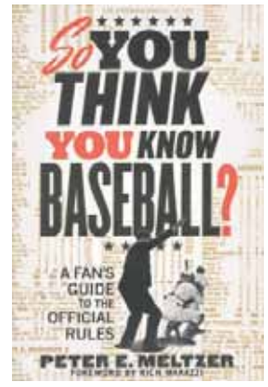
If there was ever a time to venture into the sports genre, this is it. One in four Canadians tuned in to some part of Game 5 last week when the Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers. Now, even more is at stake as Toronto attempts to avoid elimination and advance to the World Series for the first time since 1993. From historical to analytical, biographical to fiction, baseball literature — like the games themselves — can capture the imagination of anyone. Metro looks at five recent books if you want even more baseball before Friday's important game

ETHAN ROTBERG/FOR METRO

1

The game changer

At 13 years old, Mo'ne Davis was on the cover of Sports Illustrated after becoming the first female pitcher to win a game in the Little League World Series. In her autobiography **Mo'ne Davis: Remember My Name: My Story from First Pitch to Game Changer**, she covers learning to play baseball with the boys in Philadelphia to her rise to stardom on a national stage. Davis breaks long-held stereotypes and proves to young women they need not be relegated to softball. It's an inspiring memoir for young readers and adults alike.



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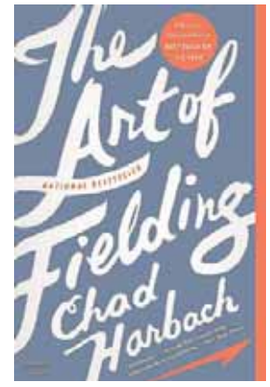
The rules

Baseball is known — heck, even loved — for its complex rules and statistics. Reading the game's official rulebook would be beyond tedious for even the most hardcore fanatic. **So You Think You Know Baseball: A Fan's Guide to the Official Rules** by Peter E. Meltzer uses real-life situations and commentary to explain both the obvious and ambiguous aspects of the game.



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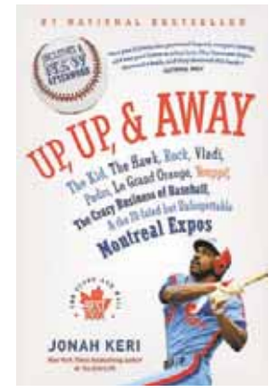
The mental game

The Art of Fielding: A Novel by Chad Harbach doesn't require the reader to have a heavy understanding of the game. The book focuses on a fictitious small liberal arts college baseball team. The protagonist — an undersized athlete with an unusual gift for fielding — is approaching a record for errorless games until things go awry. Now struggling with the mental aspect of the game, he faces an existential crisis.



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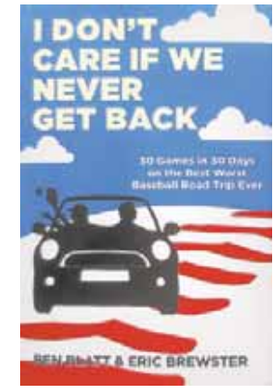
The Expos-é

It's been more than 10 years since the Expos were relocated to Washington D.C. to become the Nationals, but the memories remain for fans in Quebec and beyond. In **Up, Up, and Away: The Kid, the Hawk, Rock, Vladi, Pedro, le Grand Orange, Youppi!, the Crazy Business of Baseball, and the Ill-fated but Unforgettable Montreal Expos**, Jonah Keri speaks to just about everyone involved with the team — from fans, players and executives. From the early years, to the strike-shortened team of 1994, to the ownership that allowed the team to be moved, Up, Up, and Away is the definitive history of Canada's first major league baseball team.



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The road trip

Best friends Ben Blatt and Eric Brewster set out on the impossible task of visiting all 30 baseball stadiums in 30 days. Part story of baseball fandom and part road trip logistics, **I Don't Care if We Never Get Back: 30 Games in 30 Days on the Best Worst Baseball Road Trip Ever** is a story of friendship, and how it is tested and endures through the many challenges along the way. It's an entertaining look at what will remain only a dream for many fans of the game.

COLLABORATIONS

Dolan directs new Adele video

Adele has turned to Quebec filmmaker Xavier Dolan to direct the first music video from her much-anticipated new album, 25.

The superstar singer-songwriter is set to release her new song Hello on Friday, when the video will also land.

Her label XL Recordings says it was shot in the countryside surrounding Montreal. Adele's album, 25, is due Nov. 20.

Dolan is the celebrated phenom behind French-language films including Mommy and Tom at the Farm.

> **My last record was a break up record and if I had to label this one I would call it a make up record**
> Adele

His upcoming big-screen plans include a French-language feature starring Marion Cotillard called It's Only the End of the World and his first English-language project, The Life and Death of John F. Donovan, starring Kit Harington and Jessica Chastain.

Adele has been leaking details about her new material on social media.

"My last record was a break up record and if I had to label this one I would call it a make up record," Adele said in one statement. "I'm making up with myself. Making up for lost time. Making up for everything I ever did and never did." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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4 WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Stretching 2,300 kilometres along Australia's Queensland coast, the Great Barrier Reef can be seen from outer space. Home to dolphins, whales and thousands of other underwater species, it's no wonder this World Heritage site tops many bucket lists. Whether you're looking for an underwater diving adventure, a dose of traditional Pamagirri culture, or peaceful nature retreat, situate yourself in Cairns and explore the area's beauty, spanning from the depths of the ocean to the hilly Daintree Rainforest. **NATALIE NANOWSKI** FOR METRO

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1 The Adventurer

In the middle of the ocean, look for Nemo and bump into giant sea turtles as you explore the depths of the Great Barrier Reef. The three-day trip with ProDive Cairns features 11 dives and is perfect for avid divers or beginners (about $700 for three days, more for a beginner's course). Stay in cosy cabins, chatting with travellers from around the world, and devour delicious meals that are prepared by the ship's cook. The two night dives add an extra thrill as you plunge into pitch-black water and swim alongside whitetip reef sharks. Make sure to pack anti-nausea pills as the three-hour ride into the middle of the Pacific Ocean can be choppy. (prodivecairns.com)

2 The Trendy Connoisseur

Sip on exotic wines made from mango, lychee or passion fruit at Shannonvale winery. About an hour drive from Cairns, the sprawling organic tropical orchard produces 12 different types of wine and port, many award-winning, priced at $25 a bottle. Since grapes don't fare well in Northern Australia, wine lovers Tony and Trudie Woodall decided to make table wines from something different. The easy-to-drink passion fruit wine is perfect for summer, while the medium-bodied ginger-based wine complements Asian dishes. (shannonvalewine.com.au)

3 The Eco Lover

Unwind inside a luxurious tree house to a symphony of birds, frogs and waterfalls at Daintree Ecolodge and Spa (rooms starts at $330 a night). This 32-acre property is dotted with wild orchids and papaya trees, and lies within the lush Daintree Rainforest. Take a boat tour at dawn down the Daintree River to spot saltwater crocodiles as long as six feet, but make sure to keep your eyes peeled for tiny colourful kingfishers that dart by. A 15-minute hike through woods sacred to the Kuku Yalanji tribe will lead you to Tranquil Falls, where you can cool off in the stream. Before indulging in contemporary Australian dishes of battered coral trout and grilled barramundi, relax at the retreat's spa. Try the Walbul-Walbul massage with local aromatic oils, mud and rainforest water for a head-to-toe experience. (daintree-ecolodge.com.au)

4 The Culture Seeker

A jam-packed tour takes you about 330 metres above sea level through the rugged Queensland mountains on century-old railcars to Kuranda village. Take in the scenic waterfalls and valleys as you learn about the country's first settlers and gold rush. Dine on kangaroo meat before being whisked off to see Pamagirri tribe members show off their spear-hunting skills and musical forte on a hollowed-out log called the didgeridoo. After a traditional dance performance, you can pet kangaroos and kolas, and get up close to the hyperactive Tasmanian devil. Finally, wind through trees and rivers on a six-wheel amphibious army truck as a knowledgeable guide explains the area's flora and fauna. (capta.com.au)

Planning this year's ski trip

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ON THE MOVE

Here's the lowdown on new deals, new technology

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Planning to hit the slopes this winter? Here are some tips to make the most out of this year's ski season.

Book now

The clock is running out on early booking deals. Destinations like Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and Kimberley Alpine Resort located in British Columbia's interior are offering two nights free when you book five or more nights, the fifth day on the mountain free and free skiing for kids if you book by Nov. 30.

Pick a place that suits your style

The ski resorts in Alberta's national parks offer untouched beauty. In British Columbia you will find great ski-in/ski-out options like Kelowna's Silver Star Resort or Sun Peaks in Kamloops. For a mix of culture and ski consider spending your days on the slopes of Le Massif or Mt. Ste. Anne while you spend your nights in charming Quebec City.

Hotel or condo?

If you stay in a hotel where you can't cook your own meals, pick a destination with a variety of dining options. If you don't mind the cooking and cleaning, book a condo with kitchenette and inquire about food delivery options. Some of the resorts like Big White near Kelowna have arrangements with local grocery stores to deliver food to your condo. They can have it waiting for you when you arrive, saving you the need of a rental car.

Embrace technology

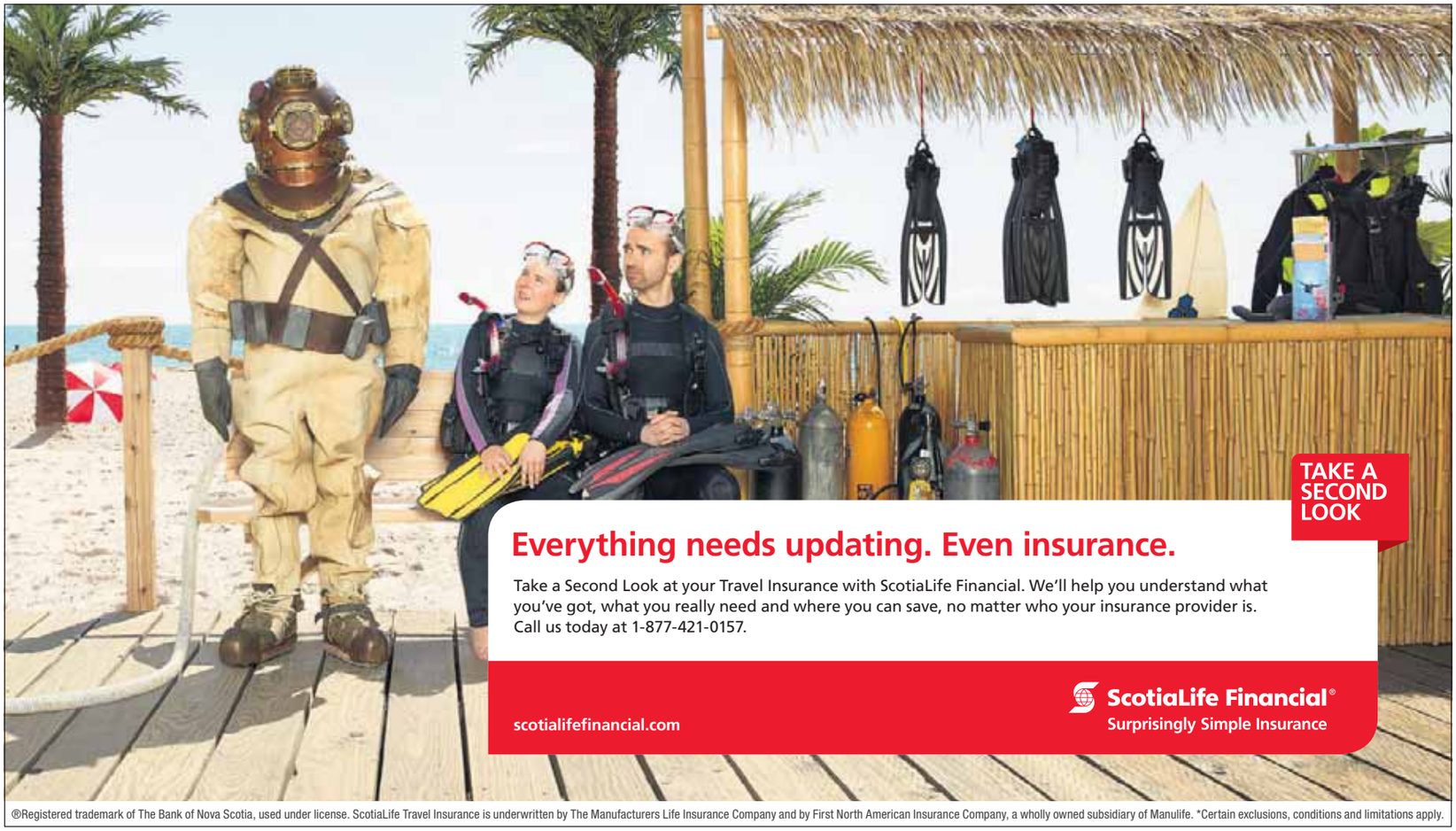
Resorts across Canada are using the Flaik GPS system for children's ski lessons. It not only tracks kids all over the mountain, but shares stats with parents, including the trails their kids traversed, how much vertical they skied or boarded and their average speed.

Want to scratch heli-skiing off your bucket list?

Nonstop Ski and Snowboard's Ready to Heli program is a great option for skiers who may be nervous about their ability to ski in powder or off-piste. The package includes three days of coaching at B.C.'s Fernie Alpine Resort, a day of cat-skiing and has you graduate to a day of heli-skiing in the Purcell Mountains at the end of the week.

What about the non-skier in the family?

The fastest-growing winter activity for non- skiers is fat-biking. Monster tires and low gearing mean biking in snow is easy for both first-timers and seasoned cyclists. Many spots across the country including smaller resorts like Ontario's Horseshoe Resort now offer groomed trails for fatbikers.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Jays' season on line, but it's been a comeback year

GAME 6 PREVIEW

Must beat Royals twice in K.C. to reach World Series

The Kansas City Royals have established a reputation for dramatic post-season comebacks the past couple of years, beginning with last season's wild-card victory over Oakland.

Turns out, the Toronto Blue Jays have some never-say-quit spirit as well.

After going on a second-half run to make the playoffs, then rallying from a 2-0 deficit to defeat Texas in a best-of-five matchup, the Blue Jays will try to beat the Royals in another win-or-else situation in Game 6 of the AL Championship Series on Friday night.

Toronto forced the series back to Kansas City with a 7-1 rout Wednesday, closing to 3-2.

"You look at all the elimination games, our offence has really come to life," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Thursday. "We've said all along that's the key to our team, scoring runs. You hate to make a habit of it, but maybe we can pull it off again."

David Price will take the mound for the Blue Jays after his collapse in the series opener, when he tossed six shutout innings and then surrendered five runs in the seventh.

David Price smiles Thursday during a news conference at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, but he'll get serious Friday when he starts Game 6 of the ALCS. ORLIN WAGNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yordano Ventura will oppose him for Kansas City. He was only marginally better, allowing three runs and eight hits in 5-1/3 innings before watching the comeback win from the dugout.

"I'm very fortunate and happy that this game has landed on my turn, here in Kansas City, and with the opportunity to take this club to the World Series," Ventura said through catching coach Pedro Grifol, acting as a translator. "I'll be ready for this game."

The Blue Jays promise they will be, too. Toronto lost the first two games against the Rangers at home, then won three straight with its season hanging in the balance. The first two were at Texas, and the last at Rogers Centre, but none of the victories was even close — all by at least three runs.

The Blue Jays lost the first two games in Kansas City, too. But in Game 3 in Toronto, the hosts overcame a 1-0 deficit and rolled to an 11-8 victory.

"We've been through a bunch of hurdles all year," Blue Jays' Chris Colabello said. "We were 7-1/2 games (back) at the deadlines. ... We had to claw back from that. We were down two games back in the division series and we clawed back from that. I'll tell you what, we're going to leave everything we have out there."

They may have to do just that. While the Blue Jays have won four straight elimination games, the Royals are 6-2 in their last eight post-season games at Kauffman Stadium.

The ballpark matters in this series. While the homer-happy Blue Jays were built with the small dimensions of Rogers Centre in mind, the speedy, defensive-minded Royals were built for their home park.

"Nothing but positivity. We've got a 3-2 lead and we're heading back to Kansas City," Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "That's where we play our best baseball, so everyone is still feeling pretty good about the series."

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PRICE STARTS

David Price is ready to prove his critics wrong.

The Blue Jays ace gets the start in Game 6 on Friday with his team's season on the line. Price has dominated in the regular season throughout his eight-year career, but he's never won as a starter in the playoffs.

"I have to prove that I can pitch at this point in the season in the playoffs," he said Thursday. "I get that. But I don't have to go out there and prove that I'm a good pitcher. I think I've done that over my career."

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mets are Amazin' thanks to Murphy

In the 1960s, the idea of the Mets winning a World Series was as farfetched as man walking on the moon. Just 88 days after Neil Armstrong took his giant leap, the Amazin's were champions.

Now Tyler Clippard is convinced an extraterrestrial has led the Mets back to the Fall Classic.

"He's not human. He's not on this planet right now," Clippard said about Daniel Murphy. "Another life form jumped into his body."

It seems as if it is in the stars whenever the Mets are successful.

Daniel Murphy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In 1969, there were hard-to-fathom catches by Tommy Agee and Ron Swoboda in the Series against Baltimore. Cleon Jones reached first base on a hit batsman call during a Game 5 rally when manager Gil Hodges showed a ball with shoe polish to an umpire.

In 1986, there was Mookie Wilson's grounder that went through Bill Buckner's legs at first base to cap a three-run, 10th-inning rally in Game 6 against Boston. The Mets were twice down to their final strike.

Now there's Murphy, who has seven home runs in nine playoff games, setting a major league record by going deep in each of his last six. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TICATS VS. LIONS

Old pals lining up on opposite sides

Jonathon Jennings and Jeff Mathews first met while trying out for the Green Bay Packers in the summer of 2014.

Neither stuck with the NFL club, but the quarterbacks will have a chance to get reacquainted on Friday night when Jennings and his B.C. Lions host Mathews and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

"He's a great guy, a great talent," Jennings said of Mathews. "He's a good dude. It's exciting watching him play."

The young QBs have both been unexpectedly thrust into the spotlight in their first CFL campaigns.

The 23-year-old Jennings moved from No. 3 to No. 1 on the depth chart with B.C. after starter Travis Lulay and backup John Beck got hurt, while the 24-year-old Mathews assumed the top job in Hamilton when Zach Collaros was lost to season-ending knee injury.

While Jennings and Mathews have each shown poise and promise, their teams are in different predicaments with the regular season winding down.

The Lions (5-10) desperately need a win in the West Division playoff chase after blowing leads the last two weeks, while the Tiger-Cats (10-5) are in a battle for top spot in the East.

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> **He's a good dude. It's exciting watching him play.**
> Jonathon Jennings, of Jeff Mathews

IN BRIEF

Bills QB out at Wembley

Buffalo Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor will not play in Sunday's game against the Jacksonville Jaguars at Wembley Stadium.

Bills coach Rex Ryan says Taylor has not recovered from his left knee injury and did not practice on Thursday.

Ryan says "when you touch it and it's still sore, that means it hasn't healed all the way."

With Taylor out, EJ Manuel will again start for the Bills (3-3).

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Soccer legend Cruyff diagnosed with cancer

Dutch football great Johan Cruyff is battling lung cancer, his spokeswoman said Thursday.

"He has been in hospital this week for tests and lung cancer has been confirmed," said Carole Thate, a spokeswoman for the 68-year-old former Ajax and Barcelona star.

She gave no further comment on Cruyff's condition, saying only that he was undergoing further tests.

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NHL ACTION

SENATORS TAKE ON DEVILS Ottawa Senators' Mika Zibanejad scores on New Jersey Devils goaltender Cory Schneider during first period action at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa Thursday. For details and final score of the game, go to metronews.ca.

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Argonauts' Elliott back to face Montreal

CFL

Missed game vs. Calgary due to death in the family

Kevin Elliott is thankful to be back playing football.

The lanky receiver returns to the Toronto Argonauts' lineup Friday night when they face the Montreal Alouettes at Tim Hortons Field. Elliott missed last weekend's 27-15 loss there to the Calgary Stampeders following the death of his maternal grandmother, Madear.

"I missed my guys. I feel good being back up here," Elliott said following Thursday's practice. "It was good for me to go back home and be with my mom. "It's always tough because we play football and we want to play in the game but coach Milanovich told me to go home because family always comes first."

There was no question in Milanovich's mind about what Elliott had to do.

"It was important he be there, he needed to be there," he said.

> **I missed my guys. I feel good being back up here.**
> Kevin Elliott

Elliott has been a big-play receiver in his first season with Toronto. The six-foot-three, 205-pound native of Fayetteville, N.C., has 42 catches for 551 yards but his eight TD grabs leave him tied for third overall among CFL receivers, just two behind teammate and league leader Tori Gurley.

Toronto's final opponents — Montreal, B.C. and Winnipeg — all have losing records and the Argos have beat each one this season. Toronto is tied with Ottawa (9-6) for second in the East. To finish first, the Argos must win out and have Hamilton (10-5) lost two of their final three because the Tiger-Cats won the season series, which will determine the standings in the event of a tie.

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RECIPE Fish Sandwich

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The combination of crunchy fish, spicy mayo and crusty bread is killer. And a sandwich for dinner is easy yet satisfying.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 Tilapia filets
- 1/4 cup corn meal
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- A bit of vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 4 buns
- 4 romaine leaves, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, sliced
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 Tbsp ketchup
- 3 tsp Sriracha

Directions

1. Spread corn meal evenly on a plate and toss in salt, pepper, chilli and parsley until it's all combined. Spread the mixture evenly on your plate.
2. Rinse fish and pat them dry with paper towel. Press the fish into the corn meal and turn over, press the other side into the corn meal.
3. In a large pan, heat some vegetable oil to medium heat. Place your fish down in the pan. It will take about 5 minutes on the first side and only about 3 on the other side.
4. While your fish is cooking, mix up your mayo, ketchup and Sriracha in a small bowl.
5. Check your fish. The corn meal will be crusty and the fish should be opaque. Break your fish into large pieces.
6. Slice open your buns and spread mayo on each side. Place your chopped lettuce down, then fish, then tomato.

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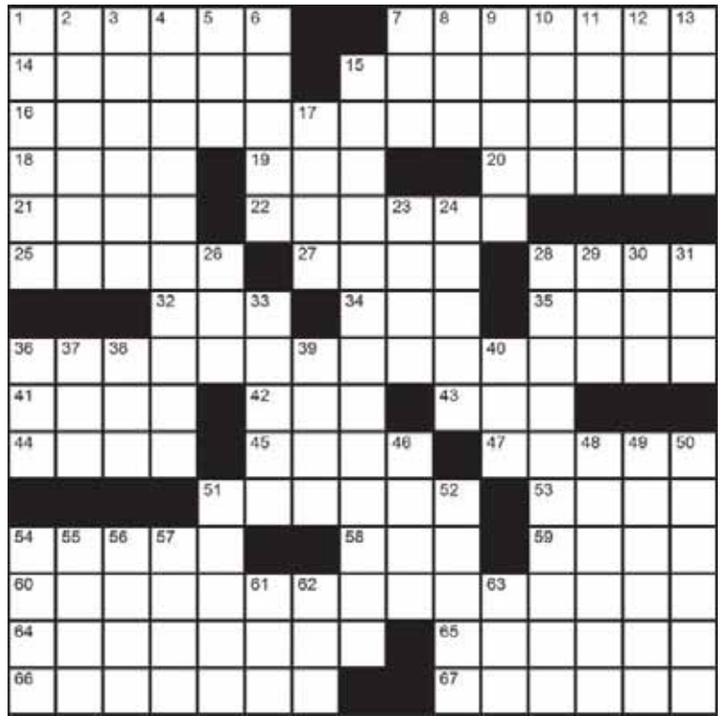

ACROSS
1. One of classical music's 'Three Bs'
7. To name just two... "Cape Fear" (1991) and "The Amityville Horror" (2005)
14. Add earth again
15. Face jewelry: 2 wds.
16. "Music Box Dancer" by Canadian musician Frank Mills: 2 wds.
18. Tropical birds
19. "G-r-o-o-s-s!"
20. __ de jambe (Circular exercises at the ballet bar)
21. Aretha Franklin's famous spelling: "_-_-_-E-C-T..."
22. Relieve Fido of pesky invaders
25. Mixes
27. Labour
28. Per __ (Daily)
32. Music star, will._.__
34. Prefix with 'cycle'
35. Estimation
36. Where to find the Glenbow Museum: 2 wds.
41. Burden
42. Head motion
43. __-disant (Self-styled)
44. "Guarding __" (1994)
45. Feet finials
47. Begin
51. Colleague
53. "It's _ __ in here!" (Chaos!)
54. High wave
58. Ms. MacGraw
59. Montreal-born hockey great Mr. Robitaille's
60. Eqalussuaq is the Inuit name for these large carnivores found in cold northern waters such as the St. Lawrence River: 2 wds.
64. Samaritan's kind turn: 2 wds.
65. Playwright Mr. O'Neill
66. Camouflage wearer
67. Ms. Witherspoon's

DOWN
1. Particular pipes
2. Milk curdling substance
3. St. Francis of __ (From whom the Pope takes his name)
4. Miette __ __ (Mineral-rich destination in Jasper National Park)
5. Russia's deorbited space station
6. Veered, variantly
7. Mr. Perlman
8. Founded [abbr.]
9. Comedy act, Stiller & __
10. Woody Guthrie's son
11. The Greg __ Band
12. Geraint's wife in Arthurian legend
13. Drill instructors [abbr.]
15. With 'The', Farley Mowat's 1989 book about The Rock: 3 wds.
17. Track event
23. The __ (Hamilton expressway)
24. Saint __ Mountains (Range where Mount Vancouver is)
26. Idled
28. These techie times: 2 wds.
29. Ms. Lupino
30. 'Racket' suffix
31. Queen guitarist Brian
33. "Herbie Goes to __ Carlo" (1977)
36. Banned insecticide
37. Mined matter
38. Existed
39. Knitter's need
40. __ Alamos, New Mexico
46. Auctioneer's word to the highest bidder!
48. Blue tones
49. "Knute __ All American" (1940)
50. __ and turns (Can't sleep)
51. Italian luxury brand
52. More knowing
54. __ on (Incites)
55. 'Buck' suffix
56. Earth sci.
57. Mr. Foxx
61. Jeans brand
62. Irish airline, with Lingus
63. Shade

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today you will be open to asking questions about who you really are and what really motivates you. Don't be afraid to probe into areas of your mind that you would normally avoid.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you try to deceive partners and colleagues they will see through your tactics. Instead get ahead by being open and honest with everyone. Look for ways you can work together.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
There will be times when it feels as if your get-up-and-go has got up and gone. Maybe it's because you are trying to do too many things for too many people. Put your own well-being first.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The sun's move into your fellow water sign of Scorpio today will do wonders for your confidence and it won't be long before you realize that nothing is beyond you. Only a lack of imagination can hold you back.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Resist the urge to criticize. It would be nice if everyone were as laid back as you but they are not, so accept them for what they are and act accordingly.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The sun's change of signs means you are free to come and go as you please. Don't let others limit your horizons. Have the courage to enjoy your freedom.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have been trying hard to impress someone but there is no need. They know what you can do and will go out of their way to help you both professionally and financially.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The sun moves into your sign today, marking the start of a new solar year. By the early part of next week a lot of new opportunities will be heading your way. Accept and embrace them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't be surprised if you want to be by yourself more than usual over the weekend. Others may find it hard to accept but you must not allow them to persuade you to go places and do things you would rather avoid.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will go all out for glory. You won't care if you annoy certain people — in fact you will take it as a sign that you are doing the right thing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There can be no half measures. Both in your personal life and in your work you are determined to get ahead and will do whatever it takes to realize your ambitions. Aim high — then go higher still.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The sun in Scorpio will reveal new ways of thinking and new ways of looking at the world, and once you realize what you have been missing you won't want to go back to the old ways. The future starts here.

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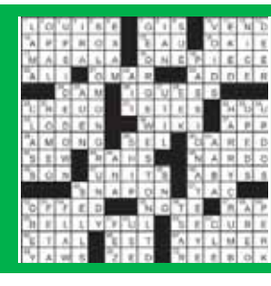

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